

Ability and permission

1 Correct the sentences.

Luke can program a computer.

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- You're going out tomorrow night so you won't can burn that CD.
- Can I to have Lisa's email address?
- Did you be allowed to play computer games last night?
- You can't to download a CD without paying for it.
- I've been looking for ages but I haven't could find a DVD player that I like.
- Do you can show me how to download this video, please?

2 Read the information about Jason. Complete the sentences about him with *can*, *could* and *be able to*. Use the negative form if necessary.

Jason

Age 5: He learnt to read.

Age 6: He learnt to ride a bike.

Age 7: He learnt to swim.

Age 11: He had to go to bed early every night.

Now: He is a chef, but he hasn't got a job.

Next month: He is starting a course in French.

When he was four, he **couldn't** read.

- He _____ ride a bike since he was six.
- He _____ swim when he was seven.
- He _____ stay up late when he was eleven.
- He _____ cook.
- He _____ find a job for two months.
- At the end of next month, he _____ say some simple sentences in French, but he _____ speak French fluently.

Possibility and deduction

3 Write sentences using the bold words and *may*, *might* or *could*.

I don't know how old Rosa is. **She might be 18.**
(she / 18)

1 The baby doesn't look well.

(he / stomach-ache)

2 Don't put your money in that pocket.

(you / lose)

3 I'm expecting an email from Ana.

(she / email me / tonight)

4 Why don't you chat online?

(you / meet / some nice people)

5 'I can't remember where I left my keys.'

(they / in the kitchen)

6 We haven't decided when to go on holiday.

(we / in July)

4 Complete the sentences with *can't*, *must*, *may*, *might* or *could*.

That girl looks very like Natalie. She **must** be her sister.

- You've been designing web pages for years. You _____ be very good at it by now.
- 'Is that your phone ringing?' 'It _____ be mine, but I'm not sure.'
- That computer game _____ cost €3,000! There _____ be a mistake.
- Joanna spends a lot of time with Tom. She _____ like him a lot.
- I'm sorry, but this injection _____ be painful.
- 'Robert says he's got tickets for the festival.' 'He _____ have them already. No one can buy them until tomorrow.'